

City LG - November 30-December 1, 2019

Bible Story: A Thrill of Hope (Jesus Is Promised) • *Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 53:8, Micah 5:2 (plus Old Testament review)*

Bottom Line: You can have joy because God keeps His promises.

Memory Verse: *Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!*
Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)

CG: Countdown Video

WORSHIP: “Dance” and “Jesus, Savior of the World”

Worship Leader prays...

Supplies Needed: Trading Cards (1 Set printed on Card Stock per Campus) and Bible

“The last few months, we’ve been talking about God’s Big Story. God created a beautiful, perfect world. But then people turned away from God. Sin entered the world, and suddenly it was all broken. But God had a plan to rescue His people and make everything right again.

“I thought it would be fun to recap where we’ve been in God’s Story with these giant trading cards.

Hold up the stack of trading cards.

“Pretty cool, right? God’s Big Story is full of amazing people who did some amazing things. If you were collecting cards of people in the Bible, you’d definitely want to have some of these! Let’s look back at where we’ve been, and take a look at what happened next.”

“If you remember, God made a promise to a man named Abraham.

Hold up the Abraham trading card.

“Abraham was an old man and didn’t have any kids . . . but God promised Abraham that the members of his family would one day outnumber the stars! Whoa. Talk about a big promise!

“God kept His promise, and Abraham did have children. Sure enough, over the years, the Israelites grew in number. They became a great nation just like God had said.

“Later, God spoke to a man named Moses.

Hold up the Moses trading card.

“God had chosen Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, where they had been slaves. Moses went to Pharaoh and demanded that he let God’s people go. It took a lot of convincing . . . but finally, Pharaoh agreed, and the Israelites were free! God had rescued them. He brought them to a good, new land, just like He had promised.”

“After God brought His people out of Egypt, He gave them rules to follow. He also gave them judges and priests to be in charge.

Hold up the Judges and Priests trading card.

“The judges and priests were there to help the people to learn right and wrong and teach them how they should live. But God’s people weren’t happy. They wanted a king.

“God instructed the prophet Samuel to choose a king for Israel. Saul was Israel’s first king.

Hold up the Saul trading card.

“Unfortunately, Saul didn’t listen to God, and he wasn’t a very good king.

“David was Israel’s second king.

Hold up the David trading card.

“David was known as ‘a man after God’s own heart.’ God promised David that someone from his family would be the true King who would rescue and rule over God’s people forever.

“Many kings followed David.

Hold up the Many Kings trading card.

“Some of them listened to God . . . but most of them didn’t. In time, God’s people turned away from Him. God allowed enemies to capture His people and take them to live in faraway lands.”

“During this time, God sent prophets like Isaiah to share His words. It was like they were speaking God’s words to the people. And the prophets had some amazing news to share about a Savior who was to come. (*Hold up Bible.*) Listen to these words that God spoke through the prophets, long before Jesus was born!

“God spoke through the prophet Isaiah.

Hold up the Isaiah trading card.

CG: Isaiah 9:6-7a Slide

CG: Isaiah 9:6-7b Slide

(Reading from the screen) “A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God . . . He will rule on David’s throne and over his kingdom. . . . His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever. The Lord’s great love will make sure that happens (Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV).

“God also spoke through the prophet Micah about where the Savior would be born.

Hold up the Micah trading card.

CG: Micah 5:2 Slide

(Reading from the screen) “Bethlehem . . . you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come a ruler over Israel. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation (Micah 5:2 NIV).

“God spoke through the prophet Zechariah about how the Savior would arrive as a king.

Hold up the Zechariah trading card.

CG: Zechariah 9:9 Slide

(Reading from the screen) “City of Zion, be full of joy! . . . See, your king comes to you. He always does what is right. He has won the victory. He is humble and riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9 NIV).

“All the pieces were coming together, and the stage was set. Who would this Rescuer be? Let’s find out in today’s Bible Story Video!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)

“Ok City. Were you paying attention? Who was this Rescuer that God promised?”

Hold up the Mystery Card and pause for response.

“Yes, you’re right: Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world.

“All throughout God’s Big Story, we see how God made big promises to His people and then kept every single one. We know that **we can trust God no matter what** because He keeps His promises. Sure enough, God had promised that He would send a Savior, and at just the right time, He sent Jesus.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can have joy because God keeps His promises.

“Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Dear God, Your Big Story is amazing! You created everything we see . . . and yet you still love each and every one of us, and You know everything about us. Thank you for being a God who keeps Your promises. Help us to find joy because we know **[Basic Truth] we can trust you no matter what**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“No matter what happens, and through it all, we can see that God is good. When He says He’s going to do something, you know for sure that He’ll do it. **We can trust Him no matter what**, and when we remember that, it can give us great joy!

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “You can have joy because God keeps His promises.

“Sometimes it can be hard for us to have joy—like when things don’t go our way. That’s when we need to remember what’s true about God. When something happens that makes us sad, disappointed, annoyed, or angry, we can have joy because we know we can trust God. We know that God is good and that He will always keep His promises.

“That’s the kind of joy that never ends. We can ALWAYS be joyful when we remember to trust God no matter what might be going on around us. That’s what our memory verse is about for this month. It’s Philippians 4:4.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! (NIRV)”

“We can always find joy when we remember that we belong to God.

“Well, I hope you had fun today. I know I did! Before you head to Small Group, let’s worship God with offering!”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

Dismiss kids to their small groups.